



STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

Region 9

November 2006 Issue

Data for September 2006
(Preliminary)

Beginning with the January publication, this newsletter contains information on only the **Indiana Economic Growth Region 9** which includes Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties.

*INDIANA ECONOMIC GROWTH REGIONS

Indiana Workforce Development engaged Indiana Business Research Center to identify regions through a methodology that was both quantitative and qualitative in nature. As a result, eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed.



The September 2006 Job Openings and hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 9 received during September. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

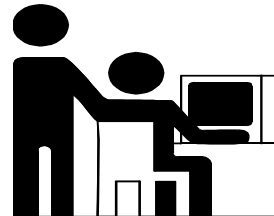
Job Openings Economic Growth Region 9 September 2006

	Number	Average
	Of	Hourly
	Openings	Wage
Production Laborers	28	9.93
Assemblers (Factory Work)	27	10.44
Production Helpers	25	9.98
All Other Machine Operators	18	11.04
Machine Assemblers	15	12.00
Food Service Managers	14	9.00
Cashiers, General	10	8.48
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	8	9.16
Materials Inspectors	7	9.00
Other Inspectors and Testers	7	9.00
All Other Hand Workers	6	8.50
All Other Precision Assemblers	6	8.50
Food Prep & Service Workers	6	6.75
Food Preparation Workers	6	6.75
Hand Packers & Packagers	6	8.50
Hosts & Hostesses – Rest/Lounge	6	8.25
Waiters & Waitresses	6	6.75

ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_hgtm.htm

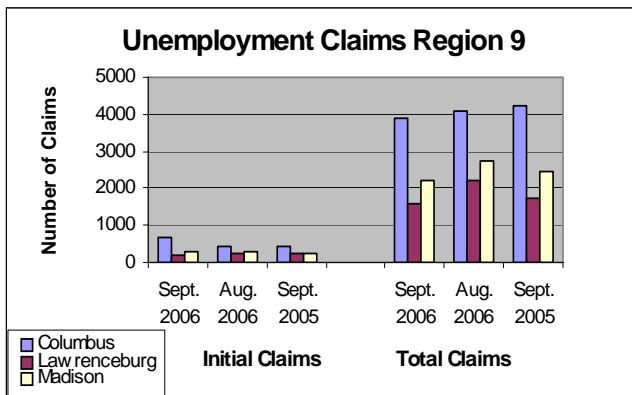


LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision-makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

MONTHLY COMPARISON OF CLAIMS

By local office



	Sept. 2006	August 2006	Sept. 2005
Initial Claims			
Columbus	656	451	444
Lawrenceburg	190	228	246
Madison	266	284	243
Total Claims			
Columbus	3,883	4,100	4,240
Lawrenceburg	1,568	2,232	1,728
Madison	2,216	2,757	2,437

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	TOTAL			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	LABOR	NUMBER	NUMBER	SEPT. 2006	AUG. 2006	SEPT. 2005
AREA	FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Preliminary		Bench- marked
United States	151,635,000	145,010,000	6,625,000	4.4	4.6	4.8
Indiana	3,259,100	3,105,500	153,600	4.7	5.2	5.0
Columbus, IN MSA	37,810	36,310	1,500	4.0	4.1	4.5
Bartholomew County	37,810	36,310	1,500	4.0	4.1	4.5
Dearborn County	26,750	25,510	1,240	4.6	6.5	5.5
Decatur County	12,890	12,360	530	4.1	4.2	4.5
Franklin County	12,170	11,550	620	5.1	6.3	5.7
Jackson County	22,540	21,600	940	4.2	4.4	4.6
Jefferson County	17,560	16,740	820	4.7	5.2	5.0
Jennings County	14,180	13,450	730	5.2	5.5	6.2
Ohio County	3,225	3,070	155	4.8	6.6	5.0
Ripley County	15,120	14,490	630	4.2	4.4	4.6
Switzerland County	5,915	5,705	210	3.5	4.0	4.3

Labor Force Data The Labor Force Data presented here is the most recent data available at the time this letter was prepared. The September 2006 data are preliminary data and the September 2005 data are benchmarked data. Information for the United States, Indiana, and the counties that comprise Economic Growth Region 9 has been included.

As previously announced BLS had found errors in some of the employment inputs used in the sub state estimates published earlier this year and decided to conduct a thorough review of all inputs. That review is now complete. The corrections to the data for January, February, and March 2005 had small to moderate impacts on employment and labor force levels and little impact on unemployment rates in most areas. The labor force, unemployment and unemployment rate data for 2004 presented in this release also reflects the corrections to the inputs.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY

RANK – SEPT. 2006	COUNTY	SEPT. 2006 RATE
73	Bartholomew	4.0
52	Dearborn	4.6
71	Decatur	4.1
30	Franklin	5.1
69	Jackson	4.2
49	Jefferson	4.7
27	Jennings	5.2
42	Ohio	4.8
70	Ripley	4.2
90	Switzerland	3.5

Franklin County ranked 1st with a rate of 7.9 % and Hamilton County ranked 92nd with a rate of 2.9 %.

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WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT IN AREA ESTABLISHMENTS					
				CHANGE FROM	
	SEPT. 2006	AUG. 2006	SEPT. 2005	AUG. 2006	SEPT. 2005
(preliminary data)					
Total Nonfarm	43.8	43.7	43.6	100	200
Total Private	37.8	38.1	37.7	-300	100
Goods Producing	17.0	17.1	16.8	-100	200
Natural Resources / Construction	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Manufacturing	15.4	15.5	15.2	-100	-100
Durable Goods	13.5	13.5	13.2	0	300
Service Providing	26.8	26.6	26.8	200	0
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	6.9	7.0	7.0	-100	-100
Wholesale Trade	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	-100
Retail Trade	4.3	4.4	4.3	-100	0
Trans., Warehousing, Util.	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Information Services	.5	.5	.5	0	0
Financial Activities	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	100
Professional & Business Services	3.9	3.9	3.8	0	100
Educational & Health Services	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	-100
Leisure & Hospitality Services	3.0	3.1	3.2	-100	-200
Other Services	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	100
Government	6.0	5.6	5.9	400	100
Federal Government	.2	.2	.2	0	0
State Government	.8	.6	.8	200	0
Local Government	5.0	4.8	4.9	200	100
Local Government Education	1.9	1.6	1.8	300	100

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